

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 1-3 are currently pending.

Drawings:

The drawings submitted with the application were objected to in the Office Action. The Applicant has amended the specification to correct the description. Reference numeral 56 and 51 corresponds to the pins seen best in Fig. 5 while the aperture is correctly identified by reference 57 in the spec and the drawing.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

The antecedent basis for the terms in the claims has been corrected.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 as being anticipated by Jako. In Jako the relationship between the vertical support and the horizontal arm is fixed and all adjustment is done near the microscope. In the amended claim the vertical support and horizontal positioning arm are moveable with respect to each other and in claim 3 a clamp is required to connect them.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claim 2 as being unpatentable over Jako in view of Komura. Applicant has amended the claim to require that the "terminal arm adjustment" be selected from a set of discreet positions (that are selected by pin location seen in Fig. 6) as set forth in the applicant's disclosure.

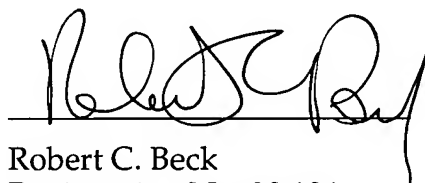
CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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